GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4178
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CENTRAL EMPLOYMENT GUARANTEE COUNCIL
Chinta Mohan Dr. ;Suman Shri Ramji Lal

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the composition of Central Employment Guarantee Council;

(b) whether this Council has given certain suggestions for the effective implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme(NREGS);

(c)if so, the suggestions made and the decision taken by the Government to implement them; and

(d) the time by which these suggestions are likely to be implemented by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a)The composition of Central Employment Guarantee Council is as given in Annexure-I.

(b)Yes, Sir.

(c)&(d) : The suggestions made by the members during the second meeting of the Council held on 30.3.07 and decision taken by the Government thereon are as under :-

S.No.	Suggestions made	Decisions taken
1	Members of the Council to undertake field visits	Members may undertake visits to various States in small groups of 3-4 members and will submit a detailed report on their visit to the Member Secretary
2	Strengthening the administrative machinery under NREGA both at the State and Ministry level	The Council approved strengthening Information Technology and the monitoring systems, staffing and engaging professional experts and strengthening the infrastructural arrangements for NREGA at the national level.
3	Need for social audit	It was decided that priority will be given to developing capacity for social audit through training.

ANNEXURE-I

COMPOSITION OF CENTRAL EMPLOYMENT GUARANTEE COUNCIL

(a) Union Minister for Rural Developmentâ€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦...Chairperson, ex-officio;

(b)
(i) Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Rural Development â€¦â€¦â€¦..â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦..member-ex-officio;

(ii) a nominee of the Ministry of Women and Child Development not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of India â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦...member, ex-officio;

(iii) a nominee of the Ministry of Agriculture not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of Indiaâ€¦â€¦member, ex-officio;

(iv) a nominee of the Ministry of Environment and Forest not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of India â€¦..â€¦â€¦â€¦.member, ex-officio;

(v) a nominee of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of India â€¦â€¦...â€¦.â€¦member, ex-officio;

(vi) a nominee of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of India â€¦.â€¦â€¦.â€¦..member, ex-officio;

(vii) a nominee of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of India â€¦â€¦.â€¦â€¦..member, ex-officio;

(viii) a nominee of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of India â€¦â€¦â€¦member, ex-officio;

(ix) Advisor of the Planning Commission dealing with rural development â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦member, ex-officio;

(c) Representatives of the State Governments :

(i) Secretary (RD), Government of Andhra Pradeshâ€¦â€¦..Member, ex-officio;

(ii) Secretary (RD&PR), Government of Assam.â€¦â€¦â€¦..... Member, ex-officio;

(iii) Secretary (RD), Government of Biharâ€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦..... Member, ex-officio;

(iv) Secretary (EGS), Government of Maharashtra..... Member, ex-officio;

(v) Secretary (RD), Government of Uttar Pradeshâ€¦â€¦â€¦..Member, ex-officio;

(vi) Secretary (RD), Government of West Bengal â€¦â€¦....Member, ex-officio;

(d) Non-official members from Panchayati Raj Institutions, organizations of workers and disadvantaged groups:

(i) Shri Ramchandra Khuntia,â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦member;

(ii) Shri Ashk Ali, â€¦â€¦.â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦.. member;

(iii) Smt. Batcha Jhansi Laxmi, Chairperson,
Zilla Parishad, Vizianangaram, â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦ member;

(iv) Smt. Rajani Rana Pratap Singh, Chairperson,
District Panchayat, Gondia, Maharashtra â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦.member;

(v) Shri B.D. Sharma, IAS (Retd.)â€¦â€¦ member;

(vi) Smt. Aruna Roy, â€¦â€¦..member;
Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan,

(vii) Shri Mahendra Bodh, â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦member;

(viii) Shri Devi Dayal, IAS (Retd.) â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦. â€¦â€¦â€¦member;

(ix) Smt. Subhashini Ali â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦.. â€¦â€¦..... member;

(x) Shri A. Varadharajan â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦.â€¦â€¦â€¦member;

(xi) Smt. Ani Raja, 309 â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦.â€¦â€¦member;

(xii) Shri Robert Minz â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦...member;

(d) Non-official members representing the States :

(i)Dr. Aloysius Fernades,
Executive Director, MYRADA â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦.â€¦.member;

(ii) Dr. Jean Dreze,

G.B. Pant Social Sciences Institute â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦.â€¦...member;

(iii) Dr. D. Bandopadhyay, IAS (Retd.) â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦....member;

(f)Joint Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Rural Development in-charge of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005â€¦â€¦.member Secretary;

(g) Joint Secretary, PMO and Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Labour are special invitees in the meetings of the Council.